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FATHER'S DAY

A hardworking single dad named William Jackson Smart was the inspiration for the creation of Father's Day. His wife died in 1898 while giving birth to their sixth child, and the Civil War veteran was left to raise the children alone in rural Washington.

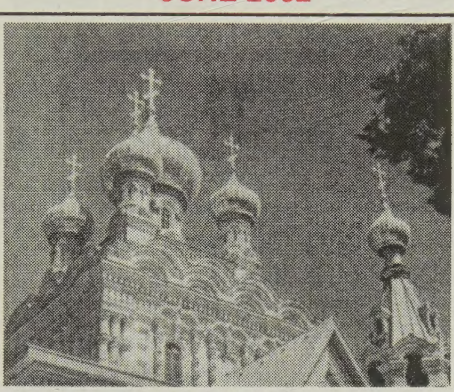
In May 1909, Smart's daughter, by then a married woman named Sonora Dodd, heard a sermon enumerating the virtues of motherhood. It was Mother's Day, a new American holiday that had begun the previous year. Sonora thought about her father and how well he took his responsibilities. She decided to honor her dad's dedication to his children by seeking to have a Father's Day designated on the calendar. The day caught on, but it wasn't permanently established as an annual holiday in the U.S. until 1972.

What a vital role father can play in the home as they train their children to follow God's ways! Proverbs 4 gives nuggets of wisdom that dad's can pass on to their children. Solomon tells us what instructions he had from his dad. He writes: "I will give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law." He instructs not to start on the path of evil, avoid it, if you meet it turn around and go on your way.

Good fathers not only tell us how to live – they show us. We honor our godly fathers, by praying for them and by obeying their instruction for we know that they are concerned about our good. We're thankful for good fathers, Lord. They're special gifts from you. Help us to show we honor them by what we say and do.

LIGHTER MOMENT

Notice in the Classified Ads in our newspaper - Postwedding Sale: Bread machine, food processor, cookie cutters and other useless stuff. These are all gifts from HIS side of the family. Best offer accepted.



Monastery of St. Mary Magdalene

The Church of St. Mary Magdalene is usually seen on photos of Jerusalem. It is visible on a hillside outside the walls of the Old City.

Several years ago, the sisters who live in the monastery, which share the grounds with the church, asked for help to restore the roof and regild the cupolas. They have again put out a plea for help. This time they wish to renovate the interior of the church. We are all aware of the conditions under which they and other Christians are living at this time. They need our help. For info or help, write to REM/OPS-HLS, PO Box 286884, New York, NY 10128. The initials stand for Russian Ecclesiastical Mission/Orthodox Palestine Society – Holy Land Section.

THE PSALMS

The psalms were done in the responsorial style in the early church. The choir or cantor would sing a verse, and the people would respond with a refrain. This can still be found in the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy which is served during Great Lent.

In the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the responsorial psalm was left but it was abbreviated to a refrain, a verse, and a refrain. It is called a Prokimen. The responsorial psalm to the Epistle reading is the Alleluia verse, which is a refrain of alleluias, a psalm verse and then alleluias again.

WHO CARES?

On June 23 this year we celebrate Pentecost or Trinity Sunday. It is known as "Troitsa" in the Russian Orthodox tradition. Someone might say: "Who cares? With all the practical, everyday problems we face, why talk about such a complicated doctrine as the Trinity?" The problem with such thinking is that we cannot clearly grasp the truth of our salvation without having some understanding of the Holy Trinity.

In the opening verses of Peter's very practical first letter, the apostle referred to the role of the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Son in saving us. "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ…" (1 Peter 1:2)

Our salvation began with the Father's loving plan, was made possible by Jesus' death on the Cross to provide forgiveness and cleansing, and is carried out by the Holy Spirit's transforming work in us. The more clearly we see and appreciate the unique role each Person of the Godhead has in our salvation, the more intimate will be our daily walk with Him.

We cannot fully comprehend His Being – that He is three-in-one, that He eternally exists in three equal yet distinct Persons as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. "And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28:19) But he expects us to praise Him because of the wonder of His love and forgiveness that flows from His triune nature. That's why the Trinity is such a vital truth and we should care.

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CHRONOLOGY

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DIED: Protodeacon **Basil Hubiak** in Chicago, IL.

Matushka **Helen Fedorchak,** widow of Fr. Nicholas, in New York

Matushka **Ann Rozdelsky,** widow of Fr. Peter, in Merrillville, IN.

AROUND THE WORLD is an Orthodox television program which will be aired on cable TV and on the Internet. The first broadcast was recently aired on Washington TV in both the Russian and English languages. Videocassettes are available. For info or support write: Holy Archangels Foundation, 10119 Brunett Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901-2002.

ACCORDING TO MOSCOW NEWS, a special fasting menu was added to the dining rooms of the Kremlin and in other governmental buildings. Meals were prepared during Great Lent in accordance with the Canons of the Russian Orthodox Church.

THE CARPATHO-RUSSIANS have never had a country of their own. Now they can be found in Slovakia, Ukraine, Poland, Yugoslavia. Many fled to the U.S. between 1880-1914. The total number in the world now numbers 1.5-2 million. Many descendents; however, have given up their identity as they have easily integrated. The Americanization of the Eastern Church both Byzantine and Orthodox has sped up the process.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS took de facto control of Kosovo three years ago. Since then, 108 Orthodox churches, monasteries and graveyards have been damaged or destroyed. No offenders have been arrested so far.

EVALUATING ECUMENISM in March Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity said that: "we are increasingly conscious of the fact that an Orthodox Church does not really exist. At the present stage, it does not seem that Constantinople is yet capable of integrating the different autocephalous Orthodox Churches, there are doubts about its primacy of honor, especially in Moscow."

AT A CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTAL CARE, Crown Prince Alexandar II (Serbia) was the godfather at the christening of 30 children. He said: "The greatest honor given to someone is to be invited to be a godfather.' He and Princess Katarina presented each child with a gold cross, bicycles, toys and candy.

THE NEW VOCATIONS DIRECTOR at St. Sophia Seminary in Bound Brook, NJ is Fr. Stephen Hutnick, who can be reached at 607/779-1584 for those interested in attending the seminary.

IN UKRAINE there are 11,428 Orthodox, 3301 Greek Catholic and 5887 Protestant parishes.

THE CONGRESS OF RUSSIAN AMERICANS, 2460 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 has expressed concern over the status of Russians living in the "Near Abroad"; i.e., in former republics of the Soviet Union. A call was made to condemn and stop the gross violation of basic rights of the citizens of Russian descent in these countries.

HIERODEACON Yakov, a native of Kwethluk, a village on the Kuskokwim River in Alaska, is the first native Alaskan man to be tonsured a monk. He is a graduate of St. Herman's and St. Vladimir's Seminaries.

SYNDESMOS has many events scheduled. Orthodoxy Youth and Theology from 7-12 August in Durres, Albania. Apply by 1 June. Youth Pilgrimage from 17-25 August in Wales, Great Britain. Apply by 15 June. Working with youth at risk from 24-31 August in Kiev, Ukraine. Apply by 15 June. World Day of Prayer for the Creation from 1-14 September. International. For info: PO Box 66051, Holargos 15510 Greece. E-mail: syndesmos@sydesmos.org. Webpage: www.sydesmos.org

THE DWINDLING OF THE ARAB CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY in the Middle East shows that there are now 15 million Christians which is less than 5 percent of the population. Eighty percent of these are in Egypt and Sudan. In Palestine, there are estimated to be less than 250,000. Many have migrated due to the Israeli occupation.

VICTOR PETRENKO, a world and Olympic skating champion and a native of Odessa, Ukraine, has helped launch the Petrenko Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The need for the unit was pointed out by CCRF (The Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund), which publishes the "Chernobyl Chronicle," 272 Old Short Hills Rd., Short Hills, NJ 07078. Phone: 973/376-5140. Very interesting publication on the help being sent to Ukraine orphanages, etc. and the plight of the children.

THE SYRIAN GREEK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (Melkites) have celebrated Pascha/Easter with the Orthodox. This is the first time since 1857.

HILLWOOD MUSEUM, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone 1-877-Hillwood has a large collection of Russian ikons and Faberge eggs. It is from the collection of Marjorie M. Post and is displayed in her mansion.

THE SOPHIA PRIZE, valued at $100,000, has been awarded to Patriarch Dimitrios. He will receive it on June 12 in Oslo, Norway. The Prize was established in 1997 and is given annually for leadership on the environment.

SCOBA has authorized a commission to do three studies on contemporary issues. Dr. Gayle Woloschak, Senior Molecular Biologist at Argonne National Labs, will prepare a paper on human cloning. Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou, a theology professor at Fordham Univ., will begin a study on the Church in a secular society. Dr Al Rossi, clinical psychologist and faculty member of St. Vladimir Seminary, will study pedophilia and exploitation of children. The commission will meet three times annually.

ETHNIC CHUCKLE

Dorohaya Tyotya Mareea,

Yak tam kolo vas? Toot shitko OK now. No yah long time vam neh pisala boh yah bulla taka upset. Yah neh watchuy' you myself ee yah getting tlusta. Noh yah dostala myself tak upset kolee me chelovek poveal zhe yah getting so fat zhe not too much longer ee yah puknu me slacks.

Yah ne znala what yah gotta do. Yah, finally got so desperate zhe yah zvidala me next door neighbor for suggestion. Ohna me povela zhe yest novi diet doctor downtown.

Yah zrobeela apointment ee pishla do diet doctora dva teshnee ago. Ohn me kazhe zhe yah "better go on a diet." Yah ushey toh znam. That's why yah tam u yaho office. Anyhow, ohn me kazhe zhe yah mushu count moyee calories. Yah dostala takee list zhe ohn kazhe mayey calorie count for everything.

Yah dumam, OK yah hotchu looking good for moho husbanda, yah buduy counting totee calories.

Pershee day. Everything peeshlo OK. Yah countuy totee calories ee peeshu doh kneshkee for doctora.

Second day, Yah countuyu totee calorees, peeshyu doh kneshkee, ee yah chewing moye nails.

Tretee day, Yah countuyu me calories, peeshu doh kneshkee, ee chewing me nails doh two o'clock in the afternoon koli yah watchuyu me soaps opera nah TV.

Yah getting taka hungry! Finally, yah peeshla doh refrigerator ee dostala some carrot sticks ee celery-doctor kasal zhe, yah moshu matee kolee "real hungry." Yah yealah so much zhe yah dumam zhe me zubee budut worn out. Yah dumam zhe yah scrazuyu! Yah feeling taka sorry for myself, yah dumam me life takee miserable zhe ohne mozhut putting me life na soap opera!

Yah dumam, yakee tho life yah mam? Every bite yah gotta count. Then yah-gotta put down nah listok for doctora: half slice bread bez butter - 50 calories - ee toh raz u day. Coffee mozhu matee ono neh mah calories no neh mozhu mati mlyko neh sugar. Eeh yah mozhu mati kolbasu - no lem one inch piece.

Yah starting running into balamuta with calorie list. Yah hlyadam ee hlaydam ee neh mozhu naytee perohi. Neska Friday, a yak chelovek mozhe zhete bez perohe nah Friday? Yah zvedala me next door neighbor, boh ona mayee much experience nah diets. Znayete tota zhe poveela me za diet doctora, what I gotta do? Ona povela me zhe yah mozhu matee lem odnu perohu. Odnuy perohwho? Yoh! And, ona me poveela zhe yah neh mozhuy matee moy half slice bread nor tablespoon potato that day. Onha calling substitutions!

Yah peeshla domu, yah neh znam shto yah gotta do! Yah sitting ee dumam ee dumam. Finally yah razdumala. Yah smaryu diet, yah going to discount store, ee yah kuplu bigger size pants - yah fooluyu moho cheloveeka!

Yah turned off me TV show "As the World Turns" a dumam nay turnuyyeh bez mene. Yah poshla doh kitchen, dosta bag perohee ot back of freezer deh yah hiding them from husband. Yah s'prazeela cebulyu in plenty of butter. Yah syela dozen. Yah take happy."

Yah decided diet neh dlya mene.

Budte zdrove
Tlusta Hanya

ASCENSION

Forty days after Pascha/Easter, on June 13 this year, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. According to the Bible (Acts 1:1-12 and Luke 24:36-53), on that day the Lord commissioned His Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations; then, having blessed them: "...while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." (Acts 1,9)

As with other Holy Days of the Lord, the early Church celebrated not so much the memory of the historical event of Christ's Ascension, but its theological significance. St. John Chrysostom (d 407) expressed it in these words: "Through the mystery of the Ascension, we, who seemed unworthy of God's earth, are taken up unto heaven...Our very nature, against which Cherubim guarded the gates of Paradise, is enthroned today high above all Cherubim."

This Holy Day has another title which is **Spasovo** in Slavonic or **Episozomene** in Greek, which means "Fulfilled Salvation." St. Gregory of Nyssa expressed it so well in a sermon: "The Ascension of Christ is the consummation and fulfillment of all other feasts and the happy conclusion of the earthly sojourn of Jesus Christ."

We can well say that this was a most unusual "going-away" party. There stood Jesus, Who had recently risen from the grave. And there stood His followers, His friends, listening to His teaching as they had on so many other occasions. As we read in the gospel for the day (Luke 24:36-43) Jesus spoke about the coming of the Holy Spirit and He told them that it would be their task to be His witnesses.

Then an unusual thing happened. In Luke we read that Jesus led His disciples to Bethany, and as He was blessing them He was "carried up unto heaven." St. Mark adds that: "he was received up into heaven, and sat at the right hand of the Father."

To see Jesus ascend to heaven was amazing, but what happened next was also remarkable. Instead of being downcast because He had gone away, the disciples responded with renewed purpose. They worshipped Him. They joyfully returned to Jerusalem, where they prayed. Then, after receiving the Holy Spirit, on Pentecost, they went out and preached everywhere.

Although Jesus has gone away, the Holy Spirit makes real to us His presence so that we too can worship, pray and witness as His disciples did centuries ago.

These paths will make us inheritors of the "Fulfilled Salvation" that Jesus promised us.

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OUR CLERGY

God calls us to serve with the gifts He has given us, and each of us answers that call in our own way and time. Sometimes these gifts may take us to places far from where we ever imagined and touch countless lives as we do God's work to love and serve.

Andrew P. Glagolev was born October 20, 1898, in the city of Kamensk, Don region, in Russia. The oldest in the family of five children, he grew up in the era of pre-revolutionary Russia, where the tradition was observed that a son was destined to follow in his father's lifework. In Russia, the name Glagolev means "from the family of preachers." His father, Peter, was the *regent-psalomchyk* (choirmaster) of the cathedral in Kamensk and headmaster of the city's parochial secondary school. The elder Glagolev came from a family of almost 20 generations of priests and well-educated individuals, among whom were Metropolitan Seraphim of St. Petersburg and a number of theologians. Andrew's mother, Princess Vera (Telepneff) Glagolev, was a member of the Russian aristocracy. Although the nobility had great respect for the clergy, they didn't necessarily want their sons to become priests. But in the case of Andrew, destiny was eventually to prevail.

After his formal education, he trained in Moscow to become a military officer. At the age of 17, he was sent to the battlefront by the Imperial government that was in control of the country during World War I. With the overthrow of the provisional government by the Bolsheviks in 1917, Andrew joined the anti-communist forces of the Don Cossacks and became a young officer in their army from 1918 to 1920. In time, it was necessary to leave his homeland. In November, 1920, he managed to escape with General Wrangel's troops first to Istanbul, then to Tunisia, before finally settling in Paris.

Paris became home to a large and close-knit community of Russian émigrés, many of whom were Cossacks. It was here that Andrew completed his education at *le Sorbonne* where he studied music. Jazz had become very popular following World War I, and Andrew supported himself by playing the trombone and trumpet in Parisian jazz clubs.

During the 1920s, the popular American silent film star Tom Mix brought his circus to Paris. In need of expert horsemen, members of the Cossack community were contacted to portray Indians in the Wild West performance. Among those hired was Andrew.

The Cossacks became members of his troupe and were invited to return to the United States with the circus, but there remained a problem. Congress had stringent laws that prevented Russians from immigrating to the United States. Communism posed a growing threat and although the Cossacks were fervent in their opposition to communism, the U.S. government, unfortunately, saw little distinction between the two. It took an act of Congress in which political asylum was granted for these young, Russian émigrés to come to America.

During their tour of American cities, the circus played in Chicago. In nearby Gary, Indiana, there was a large Russian Orthodox community. Fr. Benjamin Kedrovsky, the priest of this parish, learned that there were Russians in the circus troupe and hoped to find someone among them who was qualified to be a choirmaster–*psalomchyk* and teacher for the parish Russian school. By this time, Andrew was playing in the circus band and, with his musical background, was hired for the position.

While at St. Mary Russian Orthodox Church in Gary, he met Matushka Kedrovsky's younger sister, Magdalene Wachnowsky. They were married on November 23, 1927.

In the early 1930s, the Glagolev family, which now included son Sergei and daughter Irene, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Andrew became the choir director of St. Theodosius Cathedral. The choir was well known and highly regarded for its excellence.

These were significant years for Andrew. During this time, he not only directed the Cathedral choir but also began writing liturgical music in Church Slavonic. It was here, also, that he was ordained a deacon and became Fr. Deacon Andrew.

After nine years in Cleveland and now ordained into the priesthood, Rev. Fr. Andrew P. Glagolev was assigned as dean of St. Michael Cathedral in Pittsburgh under Bishop Benjamin.

The world was now involved in a war that affected lives here and in native homelands. In 1942, Fr. Andrew was assigned as a priest to a small and struggling parish in Ohio. It was here that he not only ministered to the need of his parishioners but, also, influenced the future course of Orthodoxy in America.

Margaret Pysarchyk

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Which son was Isaac partial to?
2. What king grieved and wailed over his wayward son?
3. Who was Jacob's favorite son?
4. Who made a little coat for her son every year when she went to offer her annual sacrifice?
5. Which psalm says that children are like arrows in the hands of a warrior?
6. What book mentions how wonderful grandchildren are?
7. According to the Law, what is the penalty for anyone who attacks his mother or father?

ANSWERS:
1. Esau (Genesis 25:28)
2. David (2 Samuel 18:33)
3. Joseph (Genesis 37:3)
4. Hannah (1 Samuel 2:19)
5. Psalm 127:4
6. Proverbs (17:6)
7. Death (Exodus 21:15)

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The largest memorial museum in the world which is dedicated to a writer is the Alexander Pushkin Museum in St. Petersburg.

SOBORNOST

The Eucharistic Assembly

The basis of ecclesial unity, love and service which Christ exemplifies in the Eucharistic assembly, is a common theme in the writings of Ignatius (Bishop of Antioch who died in 107). In his letter to the Philadelphians, he links bishop, presbyters, and deacons to within the common celebration of **one Eucharist**, which he clearly understands to be **the center of the unity of the Church**:" Take great care to keep one Eucharist (among you), for there is one flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ and one cup to unite us by His blood. There is one sanctuary, as there is one bishop, together with the presbytery, and the deacons, my fellow servants, that all our acts may be done according to God's will." (Phil. 4)

He further emphasized the same in his letter to the Smyrnaeans. He gives three main points: the importance of God's people to submit to the Christian priesthood if the unity of the Church is to be preserved; the right acceptance of the archpastoral authority of the bishop; and the fact that the bishop's delegation of his authority to celebrate a valid Eucharist to those whom he has appointed that responsibility, namely the presbyters: "Shun divisions, as (they are) the beginnings of evils. All of you follow the bishop as Jesus Christ followed the Father and (follow) the presbytery as the apostles, respect the deacons as the ordinance of God. Let no one do anything that pertains to the Church apart from the bishop. Let that be considered a valid Eucharist which is under the bishop or one whom he has delegated. Whenever that bishop shall appear, let the people be, just as where Christ Jesus is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not permitted to baptize or hold a love-feast (the Eucharist) independently of the bishop. But whatever he approves, that is also well-pleasing to God; (in order) that all your acts may be sure and valid." (Smyrn. 8)

Fr. Michael Dahulich

NOTES ON OUR 50TH

This is the second issue since the completion of our 50th year of publication. We are deeply moved by the cards, letters, notes, and gifts we are still receiving. This month we are sharing one of the letters with you.

Dear Father Basil and Matushka Nina,

Hope this letter finds you both in the best of spirits and in good health.

It is so gratifying to read that you have been publishing the ORTHODOX HERALD for FIFTY YEARS and may I be added to your long list of devoted readers who very much appreciates the diligent work you produce for so many of us. You have been instrumental in teaching us so much about our faith and our culture that words cannot adequately describe what you have meant to many of us. I am a second generation Carpatho Russian-American and it is so wonderful to read the many interesting articles about our culture and religion. Kudos to you both.

May God give you both strength to continue your journey and mission. Needless to say, it is important for all of us to maintain our ethnic identity because if we know from whence we come, we certainly can envision life a bit more clearly.

You have enlightened us with your enormous amount of knowledge and information, both current and historical, and with the immense research you bring forth in your writings. Of course, your Ethnic Chuckle column with Hanya brings many laughs and the Kitchen Corner has been a great source of good recipes.

Above all, you both have brought forth a deep understanding of our ORTHODOXY and I sincerely thank you for that.

GOD BLESS YOU AND "MNOHAYA LETA."

Helen Lesko

CARING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL HEALTH



Chances are that you visit a doctor for routine check-ups and diagnostic testing, and of course when you are sick, and rightfully so. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit *(1 Corinthians 6:19).* If you care for the health of your body, how much time do you devote caring for your soul?

The soul is the inner part of you that is invisible, and without it, you have no life. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." *(Genesis 2:7)* It is unique to each individual.

The Sacraments are outward manifestions of inward grace. They provide true nourishment for the soul. They are a means of acquiring the grace needed for the transformation of our lives. They provide a way for us to reach our full potential in Christ.

Can a bird fly with a heavy load upon its wings? Can you climb a ladder with the worries and burdens of this earthly life? When you *let go* of all the things that weigh your soul down such as anger, anxiety, resentment, gluttony, lust, jealousy, and laziness, you will be able to ascend to God and enjoy the blessings that come from knowing Him.

Jesus Christ is the Great Physician of souls and bodies. "Cast your burdens on the Lord and He will sustain you *(Psalm 55:22)*." He promises it; He has "words of eternal life": *(John 6:68).*

Raymond Mastroberte

LIGHT MOMENT

Two brothers lived in a small community where they had reputations as troublemakers. Whenever something was wrong, they were the first to be blamed.

Their mother decided to take her older son to the priest, hoping that he could straighten him out. The priest was very severe not given to pop-psychology. He started to question the boy, asking him three times, "Where is God?" Under pressure, the boy found it difficult to answer. Finally, he got so scared that he jumped up, bolted out of the rectory door, and raced home.

He was upstairs throwing a few things into a plastic bag when his younger brother came into the bedroom. He asked his older brother what he was doing. The older brother said: "I'm packing and getting out of town. And you better pack up, too." His younger brother asked: "Why?" The older brother replied: "Hurry, they can't find God, and they are blaming us!"

FAITH MAKES SAINTS OUT OF SINNERS

(Hebrews11:33-12:2) speaks about Saints – the theme of the First Sunday after Pentecost. It shows us that the quality which links all the Saints of the Old Testament – and of all the ages – is **faith.**

Did you know that we are **all** called upon to become saints? Our Lord Jesus showed us that when He came to this world as a human being, taught us, and died for us, rising from the dead and ascending into Heaven, and sending His Holy Spirit upon us. Don't we **want** to become Saints?

If we answer No, this is not so bad. There can be no spiritual growth without honesty and forthrightness. We can probably not imagine ourselves doing for all eternity what we conceive Saints to be doing: praying or serving Liturgy all the time, not having any of what we would call fun. Then, too, we probably do not see in ourselves the virtuous qualities that must be required to be Saints.

But look at the alternatives. We are all always in the process of becoming something. Project the process into eternity, for that is what we are created for. What are we becoming in the long run? Where is our current way of life pointing us? Will we be shining, angelic beings - **Saints,** or will we be dismal, gloomy, malicious monsters? If we look at it this way, then we would probably agree that only a fool would choose not to at least **aim** for the path of Sainthood.

But, really, how can **we** become Saints? We are surrounded by life's pleasures and problems. The problems are so complex that we cannot believe that life was ever so complicated for anyone before us. It seems that mental and physical illness is rising everywhere. Life gets so confusing and frightening. No wonder we want to escape and just have good times.

Faith - the quality which links all Saints, gives us the answer to our dilemma. Faith makes it possible for us to choose and progress in the direction of our true calling – to become Saints. Look at it this way: Sainthood is choosing to follow God in all the events and situations of our life. When we fail, as we do so very often, Sainthood is the way of repentance. The Bible and Church history continually show us that it is sinners who become Saints. They **repent** and they keep on following God – by endeavour and by repentance.

Faith shows us how to do that. It tells us that God does not give us situations which are impossible to surmount. Every situation, every trial can teach us. Faith makes us look for meaning and solutions to problems. Faith shows us the hand of God in everything.

Finally the race will have been run. The time of our testing and of our learnning will be over. We shall arrive at the day of graduation as we stand on the threshold of eternity. Even then faith will show us the way to eternal life with the Saviour and our fellow-citizens, the Saints. Let's choose the way of faith. Let's open our hearts to God and ask Him for His grace.

•WHEN YOU AND YOUR CHILD COME TO CHURCH

This is an excellent time to teach your child many of the important facts and beliefs about our Faith.

How does one enter the Church correctly?

When we enter the home of a friend or family member, there are some socially correct actions we perform. We greet our host and hostess, both verbally and physically, and we enter interested in the host and their family and willing to communicate with them.

We should enter the Church in a similar way. The verbal greeting to God in His home is a prayer and the physical greeting is a kiss of greeting to the Icons along with the lighting of a candle.

We need to "visit" with God during our time of residence by remaining quiet and in prayer, so that we can hear His communication to us in resonce to our prayerful visit.

That is why talking and visiting are inappropriate activities in the Church.

Your Faith and Beliefs can be communicated to your children most efficiently by you.

Fr. Elias Mitchell

Whatever

The Trinity confounds our mind but comforts our heart.

The long black graduation robe dates from the clerical dress of the Middle Ages when Universities were connected to the church. Though styles changed, the academics continued the tradition to signal their elevated status. The first academic gown was used at the University of Cambridge, England, in 1284. The sleeves of the gowns differ according to academic rank; baccalaureate gowns have sleeves that form a pointed triangle over the wrist; master's robes have long, closed sleeves; and doctoral gowns have wide, round open sleeves. Today in the U.S., the Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies, appointed in 1959, maintains the standards for academic regalia.

Couples planning weddings should bear in mind that there are two lents during the summer during which marriages are forbidden. These are the Fast of SS Peter and Paul: July 1-11 o.s. and the Dormition Fast: August 1-14 ns; August 14-27 o.s.

Last Pentecost morning nothing went right for my friend, Betty. She was so upset that she even made the wrong turn when driving to church. Upon entering the church, she stood a minute at the entrance to admire the 10-foot tall birches and the white and green flower arrangements which adorned the church. Her mood immediately changed! She truly felt that the Holy Spirit had descended.

Bishop Kallistos Ware wrote the following about Pentecost: "While St. Ignatius said: 'where Christ is, there is the Catholic Church,' Irenaeus wrote with equal truth: 'where the Church is, there is the Spirit, and where the Spirit is, there is the Church.' The Church precisely because it is the Body of Christ, is also the temple and dwelling place of the Spirit."

Bibles were chained in the churches prior to the invention of the printing press. This was done not to hinder anyone from reading it but to prevent people from stealing it. Bible scholars estimate that the cost of one Bible during the Middle Ages was equivalent to 10 years of wages.



EDITORS' NOTES

For the past several years, we have had some birds building a nest on our electric meter. It has been interesting watching them. Soon we see some little bird heads popping up and the parents busily feeding them as they wait with open beaks. Then they fly away, one by one, until the nest is empty. After June 10, we can safely leave our back door without the parent birds angrily buzzing us to keep us away from their "youn-guns."

As we were watching this family drama, we were wondering how to present an article for Father's Day. One topic idea was: "Are fathers obsolete?" Certainly one could draw this conclusion from the material about sperm donations, artificial insemination, cloning, single parenting, etc. But somehow the buzzing of the birds won out – of course, fathers are not obsolete. Human children need their strength, their wisdom, their guidance and their care until they leave the nest; and if they are fortunate, their concern as long as he is around.

For many decades, Orthodox have been concerned about being acknowledged as a 4th major faith in the U.S. How long ago that seems! Now it is more common to see three major faiths mentioned: Christian, Jew and Muslim. Will the pressure of the society and the world do what the Ecumenical movement has failed to do? Have only one Christian grouping?

On our resubscription sheets, we have asked for your phone number. The reason we have done this is if we have a question concerning your subscription, it is more efficient and less time consuming to call rather than write a note.

The Orthodox Church in America will meet in July in Orlando, Florida. One of the major discussions will center on the election of a new metropolitan to head the church. This is a momentous event; but for the greater good of the church, it should not overshadow discussions and deliberation on problems which are festering in the church.

God Be With You

The Stroyens

THE PATRON

SS Peter and Paul Holy Day is celebrated on June 29/July 12. I remember this day vividly because when I was a child my home parish always had a picnic at the parish picnic grounds to honor the day. Over the years the celebrations varied. One year it must have been held during the Lent preceding the day for I remember the games we played. They were so much fun for a child. Imagine taking off your shoes, putting them in a pile with the shoes of all the other children, and then scrambling to dig yours out! I don't recall what we had to eat, but the lemon soda was a treat. In those days this was a rarity. The black raspberries ripened at this time and the children who knew about such things enjoyed picking them. Such were the simple, innocent days.

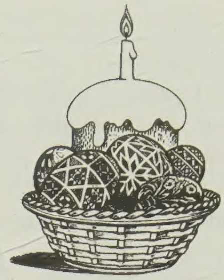
What brought this to mind?

The feeling of loss? In too many places, there is not even a service to honor the patron saint of the Church. And then I was surprised to read about a parish in our vicinity which decided to honor their patron. A schedule of services was followed by a picnic. The flyer distributed invited all to this parish family picnic. The only cost would be a casserole of food to share. Certain items were furnished by the parish. The purpose of the picnic was to acknowledge the patron, to thank the parish members for their work during the year and to give everyone the opportunity to talk or get acquainted with other members. In big letters it was stated that this was one time when an event would be held which was not a money-making event. Pure fun was the goal.

How does your parish honor its patron? Who is it?

HOW MANY WORDS?

There are nearly 774,000 in all in a total of 66 books, with 11,189 chapters and 31,173 verses. The exact center of the Bible can be found in Psalm 118:8. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."



KITCHEN CORNER

I was talking to my sister Elizabeth the other day, and I said that I was hungry for Russian peroshki but didn't have the energy to make them. A few days later, she called me and said that she had devised a recipe that would answer my problem. She changed the filling in her Biscuit Barbecups and said while they did not look like Russian Peroshki, they would satisfy my hunger.

ORIGINAL BISCUIT BARBECUPS

1 lb. ground beef
1 Tbls. minced onion
2 Tbls. brown sugar
1 tube refrigerated biscuits
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup sauce (pizza, spaghetti, or barbecue)

Grease muffin tins. Brown beef and drain. Stir in sauce of choice, sugar and onion. Place one biscuit in muffin cup, pressing bottom and sides in cup. Spoon in meat mixture. Sprinkle on cheese. Bake at 400° for 10-12 min.

ELIZABETH'S RUSSIAN PEROSHCUPS

1 lb. ground beef
1 Tbls. minced onion
1/2 cup water
1 Tbls. flour
2 hard boiled eggs
dill weed to taste
1 tsp. salt, dash pepper
1 tube refrigerated biscuits

Grease muffin tins. Fry beef and onion until meat loses its red color and onion is soft. Mix in flour. Add water. Add salt, pepper and dill weed. Simmer few minutes. Chop hard boiled eggs. Add. Place one biscuit in each muffin cup, pressing down in bottom and sides. Spoon in meat mixture. Bake at 400° for 10-12 min.

These can be made ahead of time and heated in microwave or eaten at room temperature. Good for patio and picnic basket.

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IT'S NOT ONLY THE CARPATHIANS

Many nations have special names for the Holy Days of Pentecost based on the ancient custom of decorating homes and churches with flowers and boughs. This practice goes back almost from the beginning of the celebration of the Holy Day in apostolic times.

At the time of full spring, when trees stood in their early foliage and flowers blossomed in abundance, the homes and churches were adorned with flowers and boughs of pale-green tender leaves.

Thus the Holy Day is called Green Sunday "Zeleni Swatké" by our Carpathian forebearers. "Green Holiday or "Zielone Swieta" in Poland and among the Ukrainians, Flower Feast "Blumenfest" in Germany, Summer Fest "Slavnosti Letnice) among the Czechs. In Latin countries a similar term used is Feast of Roses "Pascha Rosatum."

Make this day special. Many people wear something green. Decorate your home with greens. At least place a wreath on your door. The church building should be more lavishly decorated.

In Serbian church the floor is strewn with greens, as was customary in Russian Churches also, and while the faithful kneel for the prayers they make wreaths of the greens they pick from the floor.

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PETER'S NAMES

Before Jesus gave him the name **Peter**, his name was Simon Bar-Jona (Simon, son of Jona).

However, Peter is actually the Greek version of the name Jesus really gave him. His Aramaic name was Cephas, which means a stone. (John 1:42).

Home Bible Reading Schedule

JUNE 2002

1	John 8:31-42	17	John 14:27-15:7
2	**John 4:5-42**	18	John 16:2-13
3	John 8:42-51	19	John 16:15-23
4	John 8:51-59	20	John 16:23-33
5	John 6:5-14	21	John 17:18-26
6	John 9:39-10:9	22	John 21:15-25
7	John 10:17-28	**23**	**John 7:37-52-8:12**
8	John 10:27-38	24	Matt 18:10-20
9	**John 9:1-36**	25	Matt 4:25-5:13
10	John 11:47-57	26	Matt 5:20-26
11	John 12:19-36	27	Matt 5:27-32
12	John 12:36-47	28	Matt 5:33-41
13	Luke 24:36-53	29	Matt 5:42-48
14	John 14:1-11	**30**	**Matt 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30**
15	John 14:10-21		
16	**John 17:1-13**		

BIBLE STUDY

To s[illegible]l in our walk of faith as Christ[illegible]ve all need help. We can't do it by [illegible]ves. Jesus told us in John 14:16: [illegible] will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." We need the help of all three persons of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – to give us guidance, comfort, strength, and instruction.

Before Jesus went to the Cross, He told His disciples that He was going away but that He would send them a Comforter – the Holy Spirit. (John 16:7). "I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." He knew that His followers could not fulfill their purpose in this world without the Spirit's indwelling presence.

There are no do-it-yourself jobs in the Christian life. We need the assistance of the Father who knows us, the Saviour who intercedes for us, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us. We always need God's help.

WINTER'S GRACE

According to a Wall Street Journal report, anxiety has overtaken depression as the leading mental health problem in the United States. Anxiety-fighting drugs are now the top-selling pharmaceutical products. Even with a booming economy and political stability, worry and apprehension remain part of our human condition – one that can never be adequately relieved by a pill.

When David composed Psalm 55, his mind was agitated by the same type of situations we struggle with today. He recoiled in horror from the violence, anger, and abuse that stalked the city streets (verses 9-11). He suffered the anguish of being betrayed by a close friend (12-14). He longed to leave and escape to a place of peace (4-8).

Because David's anxious pain mirrors our own, his prescription for relief can be ours as well. He wrote, "I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me…Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you." (16 and 22).

Anxiety is a burden we are not called to bear. Instead, we are to lay our concerns on Christ because He cares for us. (1 Peter 5:7).

If your heart is weighed down today, the Lord is ready to bear every burden you give Him. Read all of Psalm 55 and be quieted.